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SUBJ: CYPRUS: POTAMIANOS DENIES ARCHBISHOP'S CHARGES

1. ATHENS NEWS ALONE CARRIED DENIAL OF APRIL 6 ALLEGATION BY ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS THAT "FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF EOKA-B IN ATHENS AND THE OPPOSITION IS SHIPOWNER ANDREAS POTAMIANOS..." POTAMIANOS IS QUOTED AS SAYING CHARGE WAS "COMPLETE NONSENSE". HE ADDED, "I HAVE NO OTHER COMMENT TO MAKE SINCE I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT." NEWS ACCOUNT POINTED OUT POTAMIANOS OPERATES ONE OF LARGEST CRUISE LINES IN GREECE.

2. COMMENT: POTAMIANOS HAS BEEN ALLEGED PREVIOUSLY TO BE INVOLVED IN BANKROLLING EOKA-B AND ENOSIS ACTIVITIES IN CYPRUS, BUT THIS IS FIRST TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT MAKARIOS HAS SINGLED HIM OUT. PRESUMABLY THE FORMER WOULD NOT MAKE CHARGE WITHOUT FAIRLY HARD INTELLIGENCE.
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